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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
EISAKU ITO, ET AL. : EXAMINER: I. KERSHTEYN  
SERIAL NO: 09/973,009 :  
FILED: OCTOBER 10, 2001 : GROUP ART UNIT: 3745  
FOR: BLADE OF A GAS TURBINE :

AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated June 27, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.